

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION
COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: MELVIN BELLI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

EX-16

Date: August 23, 1950

To: Director
Central Intelligence Agency
2210 F Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Attention: [REDACTED]

consulting with CIA

From: J. Edgar Hoover, Director - Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: [REDACTED] b7C
HERVIN M. [REDACTED]
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONTAINED

*Consulting
with
CIA*

You are advised that the files of this Bureau contain information indicating that an application was filed on November 12, 1947, for a license to export one LST consigned by Morrisowitz, 500 Southern Building, Washington, D. C., as agent for an unnamed purchaser, to Balbot, Incorporated, 33 Central Avenue, Panama, P. R. The caller of the vessel is listed as the United States Maritime Commission and the vessel is alleged to have been de-militarized.

The following data was supplied in support of the application:

"The incorporators of Balbot, Inc. are:

- "1. Vicente Salazar
33 Central Avenue,
Panama, P. R.
- "2. Sydney Jocelyn Williams
33 Central Avenue,
Panama, P. R.

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"Date of Incorporation: June 30, 1947.

"Directors:

- "1. Aladar Z. Balkany, (Nationality: Roumanian)
10 Boulevard du Theatre,
Geneva, Switzerland.
- "2. Alexandre D. Fotez, (Nationality: Cuban)
118 East 65th Street,
New York, N. Y.
- "3. Oscar Gunder, (Nationality: Swiss)
10 Boulevard du Theatre,
Geneva, Switzerland.

"Officers:

- "1. Aladar Z. Balkany - President
- "2. Alexandre D. Fotez - Vice President, Treas.
- "3. Oscar Gunder - Secretary

"Capitalization: 1,000 shares capital stock,
value, \$1,000,000.

"Stockholders:

Aladar Z. Balkany 500 shares
Alexandre D. Fotez 500 shares

"For your further information, this IST boat will not be transferred to any other company, association, person or persons, or to any other flag without first consulting with the Department of State of the United States or the United States Ambassador to Panama." (Unidentified memorandum appeared in file 2-869)

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M e m o r a n d u m

Allen M. Jones, 207 National Press Building, Washington, D.C., filed an application dated November 12, 1947, for license to export one LST No. 860, to be consigned by Morris Elowitz, 500 Southern Building, Washington, D.C. (agent for purchaser) to Balbot, Inc. 33 Central Avenue, Panamá, R.P. The seller is listed as the United States Maritime Commission. It is claimed that the LST has been demilitarized and is desired for transportation of textiles and dry cargo from Mediterranean ports to the United States.

The following data was supplied in support of the above mentioned application:

"The purpose of the corporation is to operate boats, etc. The boat desired to be purchased will be converted for the purpose of carrying dry cargo. More than ninety percent of the cargo will be shipped between South American ports and Mexico, Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Caribbean area, and less than ten percent of the shipping will be between American Ports and the Ports of Italy.

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It is strongly suspected that the intended use for which this boat is desired is not as stated, but rather that it may be for activities in the Mediterranean adverse to this Government's position.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE NEW ORLEANS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 4/3/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/1/64
TITLE OF CASE JNSUB; aka. R.A. Wagner; MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] 67C	TYPED BY /scr
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES:

New Orleans airtel to Bureau 4/1/64.
New Orleans airtel to Bureau 4/3/64.

- RUC -

LEADSMEMPHIS DIVISIONAT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will contact USA and determine if instant letter is a violation of the extortion statutes. If so, will conduct appropriate investigation and report results of FBI Laboratory examination.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW	
COPIES MADE: ① - Bureau 3 - Memphis (1 - USA, Oxford) 3 - San Francisco 1 - New Orleans (9-1975)		42096-1	MCT-32
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AGENCY		STAT. SECT.	
REQUEST RECD.			
DATE FWD.			
HOW FWD.			
BY			

NC 9-1975/scr

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

Will, in the event instant letter is determined to be a violation, will contact Mr. MELVIN M. BELLI to determine who handled same, provided the FBI Laboratory is successful in developing any fingerprints on same.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

67C On 4/1/64, the letter from Mr. BELLI was acknowledged by the New Orleans Division. For information of the Memphis Division, SA [REDACTED] has noticed several letters to the editor published in the Clarion Ledger and the Jackson Daily News, daily newspapers at Jackson, Mississippi, from a person, last name [REDACTED] FNU, and mailed from State College, Mississippi. These letters generally concern topics of current interest. In the event the letter involved is deemed a violation by the USA, it may be possible to obtain typewriter specimens from [REDACTED] typewriter, provided he is a student in Mississippi State University there.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Oxford

Report of: b7C SA [REDACTED] Office: NEW ORLEANS
Date: April 3, 1964

Field Office File No.: 9-1975 Bureau File No.:

Title: UNSUB;
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis: On 4/1/64, Airmail Special Delivery letter received Jackson, Mississippi, Resident Agency from Victim, San Francisco, California. Victim enclosed letter he had received postmarked 3/24/64 at Starkville, Mississippi, bearing return address R.A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. This letter referred to Victim in derogatory manner and stated "if you're not careful, somebody's going to put a slug of hot lead between those beady eyes of yours". This letter bears typed name "The Committee". Letter and envelope typed. Letter forwarded to FBI Laboratory. Investigation Jackson, Mississippi, reveals 1302 E. Capitol Street is a non-existent address, as numbers of this street do not run higher than 500 block. No record of anyone identifiable with R.A. WAGNER on file with [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] and no reference to anyone by this name or initials local directories, Jackson, Mississippi.

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DETAILS:

AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

On the afternoon of April 1, 1964, the following letter, addressed to "F.B.I., Jackson, Mississippi", postmarked March 31, 1964 at San Francisco, and mailed Airmail Special Delivery was received at the P.O. Box of the Jackson, Mississippi, Resident Agency, "Gentlemen: Enclosed herewith is a recent

NO 9-1975/scr

letter with envelope for your files, information, and consideration. It should be noted, in case of further developments, that this has been received by me as of this date: R.A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol St., Jackson, Miss.". This letter is signed MELVIN M. BELLI and is written on letterhead stationery of BELLI, ASHE and GERRY, 722 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California.

The letter enclosed with Mr. BELLI'S letter is typed, as is the envelope also enclosed. The envelope involved is postmarked March 24, 1964 at Starkville, Mississippi, and bears a return address of R.A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. It is addressed as follows: "Mr. MELVIN BELLI, Attorney at Law, San Francisco, California."

The letter states as follows: "Old Dago Belli says of Dallas, 'This city stinks!' We have news for you, jelly belli -- that's your upper lip you smell. Furthermore, if you're not careful, somebody's going to put a slug of hot lead between those beady eyes of yours." A typed signature "The Committee" appears on the letter, followed by "Remember, San Francisco is no sanctuary."

By airtel of April 3, 1964, the above letter and envelope were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate examination.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/3/64

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[REDACTED] after searching his records, advised that he could locate no record in his files identifiable with R.A. WAGNER and had no persons in these files whose names would start with an R and an A, WAGNER, which when combined could be identified as R.A. WAGNER.

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On 4/1/64 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 9-1975
by b7C SA [REDACTED] scr Date dictated 4/2/64

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date 4/3/64

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[REDACTED] after searching the files of the Department, advised that there was no record of an R.A. WAGNER on file with that Department. She likewise searched the files to determine if there was a record on file of any person whose names started with an R and an A with a last name of WAGNER, but was unable to locate any such person.

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On 4/1/64 at Jackson, Mississippi File # NO 9-1975

by b7C SA [REDACTED]/scr

4/2/64

Date dictated

NO 9-1975/scr

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On April 1, 1964, SA [REDACTED] examined the Polk's City Directory for Jackson, Mississippi for 1963, the latest available, and there is no listing which could be identified with R.A. WAGNER and no WAGNER listed whose first and middle names started with R.A.

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Observation of E. Capitol Street in Jackson by SA [REDACTED] revealed that there is no 1302 E. Capitol Street in Jackson, Mississippi. Capitol Street is the main business street of Jackson and on E. Capitol Street the numbers do not go higher than the 500 block.

F B I

Date: 4/1/64

Transmit the following in _____

(Type in plain text or code)

Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (9-NEW) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN BELLI-VICTIM
EXT
OO:MEMPHIS

At approximately 3:20 p.m. 4/1/64, an airmail special delivery letter postmarked 3/31/64, from San Francisco, Calif., was received at the Jackson, Miss. Resident Agency. The letter was directed to "FBI Jackson, Mississippi" and is from MELVIN M. BELLI, Attorney, 722 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif. This letter is dated 3/30/64, and stated as follows: "Enclosed herewith is a recent letter with envelope for your files, information, and consideration. It should be noted in case of further developments that this has been received by me as of this date: R. A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, Miss." This letter is signed MELVIN M. BELLI.

A copy of same was directed to the U. S. Post Office, Jackson, Miss. The enclosed submitted by Mr. BELLI was mailed to him in an envelope postmarked Starkville, Miss., 3/24/64. The envelope bears a return address of R. A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol St., Jackson, Miss. It is addressed as follows: Mr. MELVIN BELLI, Attorney at Law, San Francisco, Calif. Both the envelope and letter are typewritten.

3-Bureau
2-San Francisco
2-Memphis
2-New Orleans

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Approved: _____

Sent _____

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Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

NO 9-NEW/cay

The letter, which is undated and bears no autographic signature, stated as follows: "Old Dago BELLI says of Dallas 'This city stinks!' We have news for you Jelly BELLI--That's your upper lip you're smelling. Furthermore, if you're not careful, somebody's going to put a slug of hot lead between those beady eyes of yours." This letter bears the typed signature "The Committee" and the following sentence follows the above: "Remember, San Francisco is no sanctuary."

b7D The original of the above letter will be forwarded to the FBI Lab, with copies for Memphis and San Francisco. For the information of the Bureau, San Francisco, and Memphis, there is no record of a R. A. WAGNER or any person who could be identified with those initials in the records of the [REDACTED] and the various city directories of Jackson, Miss. Likewise, the address of 1302 Capitol St. in Jackson is fictitious as E. Capitol St. does not run higher than the 500 block.

Receipt of the above letter has been acknowledged by the New Orleans Division.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Will determine from the USA if instant letter constitutes a threat and will conduct any indicated investigation.

b7C SA [REDACTED] For the information of the Memphis Division, Jackson, Miss., recalls that occasionally in the past letters to the editor of the Jackson, Miss. papers have been printed bearing a signature of FNU [REDACTED] from State College, Mississippi.

A report will follow.

FBI

Date: 4/3/64

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (9-1975) (P)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; aka. R.A. Wagner
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re my airtel of 4/1/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is the original letter and envelope referred to in referenced airtel. The envelope is postmarked Starkville, Mississippi, March 24, 1964, and bears a return address of R.A. WAGNER, 1302 E. Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi. It is addressed to Mr. MELVIN BELLI, Attorney at Law, San Francisco, California. The letter is signed "The Committee".

The Bureau is requested to process this letter for latent fingerprints, and to compare the type with specimens on file in the anonymous letter file in an effort to identify same. SA [REDACTED] New Orleans, opened the letter, in which the questioned letter was enclosed and touched the enclosed.

Copies of the letter and envelope are enclosed herewith to the Memphis and San Francisco Divisions.

Report of investigation conducted by the New Orleans Division follows.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 2)
- 2 - Memphis (Enc. 2)
- 2 - San Francisco (Enc. 2)
- 2 - New Orleans

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ENCLOSURE ATTACHED

Approved: 243744

Sent _____

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Per _____

Special Agent in Charge

COPY OF SPECIMENS RETURNED TO LAB FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT 4-6-64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-1975
 FBI FILE NO. 9-12096 - 3
 LATENT CASE NO. 49703

April 21, 1964

TO: SAC, New Orleans

RE: UNSUB., AKA R. A. WAGNER
 MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

REFERENCE: Airtel 4-1-64
 EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: New Orleans
 SPECIMENS: Envelope, Q1
 Letter, Q2

One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the outside of the envelope, Q1. No other latent impressions of value were developed.

b7C The latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of SA [REDACTED] or Melvin Mouron Belli, born in California, 7-29-07.

The latent fingerprint was compared with the fingerprints of a number of persons named R. A. Wagner, but no identification was effected.

Q1 and Q2 are enclosed.

Laboratory report separate.

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COMM-FBI

Enc. (2)

2 - Memphis

1 - San Francisco

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John Edgar Hoover, Director

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4/7/64

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Recorded 4-14-64/4:00PM

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work Sheet

Received 4-14-64/dab

NO LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: MEMPHIS)File # 7-43096-3
Lab. # D-4468S2 JC
lc# 49706

L A T E N T

Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (9-1975) A 4/3/64
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 4/6/64
Result of Examination: b7C Examination by: [REDACTED]Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "STARKVILLE, MISS. MAR 24 PM 1964" bearing typewritten address "Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney At Law, San Francisco, California"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Old Dago Belli says..." and ending "...is no sanctuary."

b7C Named for elimination: SA [REDACTED]

Examination completed: 3/11/77 4-17

Dictated: 4-17-64

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4/7/64
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: MEMPHIS)

File # 9-42096
Lab. # D-446882 JC

L A T E N T

Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (9-1975) A 4/3/64
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 4/6/64
Result of Examination: Examination by: [REDACTED]

*Examined in LFPS
LFPS will return Q1 & Q2 to New Orleans
w/ 4-17-64*

100-446882-4/14/64
Specimens submitted for examination *BS*

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "STARKVILLE, MISS. MAR 24 PM 1964" bearing typewritten address "Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney At Law, San Francisco, California"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Old Dago Belli says..." and ending "...is no sanctuary."

APR 8 1964



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, New Orleans (9-1975)

Date: April 15, 1964

Re: UNSUB; aka, R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: MEMPHIS)

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. 9-42096
Lab. No. D-446882 JC

Examination requested by: New Orleans
Reference: Airtel 4/3/64
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint
Remarks:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be returned to New Orleans
with the latent fingerprint report.

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Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)
1 - Memphis Enclosure (Lab report)

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REPORT
of the



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.**

To: **FBI, New Orleans (9-1975)**

Date: April 15, 1964
FBI File No. 9-42096
Lab. No. D-446882 JC

Re: UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Specimens received 4/6/64.

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "STARKVILLE, MISS. MAR 24 PM 1964" bearing typewritten address "Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney At Law, San Francisco, California"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Old Dago Belli says..." and ending "...is no sanctuary."

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but were not identified with other specimens in the file.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 will be returned to New Orleans with a separate report. Photographs are retained.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO: MEMPHIS)

File # 9-42096
Lab. # D-446882 JC

L A T E N T

Examination requested by: SAC, New Orleans (9-1975) A 4/3/64
Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint Date received: 4/6/64
Result of Examination: *D7C* Examination by: [REDACTED]

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "STARKVILLE, MISS. MAR 24 PM 1964" bearing typewritten address "Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney At Law, San Francisco, California"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning "Old Dago Belli says..." and ending "...is no sanctuary."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE MEMPHIS	OFFICE OF ORIGIN MEMPHIS	DATE 5/20/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 4/10-5/12/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB, aka R. A. Wagner; MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY mnr
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE:

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/3/64 at New Orleans.

Bulet to New Orleans dated 4/15/64.

Bulet to New Orleans dated 4/21/64.

Memphis airtel to San Francisco dated 5/6/64 (IO).

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ENCLOSURE TO KNOXVILLE:

b7C [REDACTED] Enclosed for Knoxville is one copy of report of SA [REDACTED] dated 4/3/64 at New Orleans. *M*

LEADS:KNOXVILLE DIVISIONAT DUNLAP, TENN.

b7C 1. Will locate and interview [REDACTED]

APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN SPACES BELOW																					
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b7C [REDACTED] It is noted that [REDACTED] is considered a suspect in this matter only because of the fact that he is the only [REDACTED] who was registered at Mississippi State University and the Clarion Ledger and Jackson Daily News, daily newspapers at Jackson, Miss., have received several letters to the editor from a person whose last name is [REDACTED] and whose first name is unknown, and these letters were mailed from State College, Mississippi. These letters generally concern topics of current interest.

b7C 2) In the event that [REDACTED] owns a typewriter, typewriter specimens should be obtained from him. Also, [REDACTED] fingerprints should be obtained, and these should be forwarded to the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, to have them compared with the one latent fingerprint of value which was developed on the outside of the envelope which contained the letter in question.

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

Will contact Mr. MELVIN M. BELLI to determine who handled the letter in question and forward to the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, elimination prints relative to the individuals who handled the letter in question so that they may be compared with the one latent fingerprint of value which was developed on the outside of the envelope which contained the letter on which this case is based.

MEMPHIS DIVISION

AT STARKVILLE AND STATE COLLEGE, MISS.

Will continue investigation to identify unsub in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - U. S. ATTORNEY, OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI

Report of:
Date:

b7C

SA [REDACTED]
MAY 20, 1964

Office: MEMPHIS

Field Office File No.:

9-1244

Bureau File No.: 9-42096

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, also known as
R. A. Wagner;
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM

Character:

EXTORTION

Synopsis:

USA, NDM, Oxford, Miss., is of opinion that a violation of the extortion statutes exists and would consider prosecution in event subject identified. One latent fingerprint of value developed by FBI Identification Division from outside envelope. No R. A. WAGNER located Oktibbeha County, Miss. No R. A. WAGNER located Mississippi State University, State College, Miss. [REDACTED] has graduated Mississippi State University, home address listed as [REDACTED]

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DETAILS:

b7C On April 10, 1964, SA [REDACTED] telephonically contacted U. S. Attorney H. M. RAY, Aberdeen, Mississippi. The facts of this case were discussed with him and the letter in question read to him. Mr. RAY advised that he was of the opinion that a violation of the extortion statutes exists and stated he would consider prosecution in the event the subject is identified.

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By communication dated April 15, 1964, the FBI Laboratory advised as follows:

- "Q1 Envelope postmarked 'STARKVILLE, MISS. MAR 24 PM 1964' bearing typewritten address 'Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney At Law, San Francisco, California'
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter beginning 'Old Dago Belli says...' and ending '...is no sanctuary.'

Result of examination:

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were searched through the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File but were not identified with other specimens in the file."

By communication dated April 21, 1964, the FBI Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, advised as follows:

"One latent fingerprint of value was developed on the outside of the envelope, Q1. No other latent impressions of value were developed.

b7C The latent fingerprint is not identical with the fingerprints of SA [REDACTED] or MELVIN MOURON BELLI, born in California, July 29, 1907.

The latent fingerprint was compared the the fingerprints of a number of persons named R. A. WAGNER, but no identification was effected."

b7C
b7D On May 1, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that the records of that [REDACTED] failed to indicate that an R. A. WAGNER was a resident of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi. She explained that her [REDACTED] covered most of the small towns in the surrounding counties as well as all of Oktibbeha County.

On May 1, 1964, [REDACTED] Starkville, Mississippi, and [REDACTED]

ME 9-1244

Starkville, Mississippi, were contacted regarding their knowledge of an individual by the name of R. A. WAGNER. Both, who advised that they were life-time residents of Oktibbeha County, advised that R. A. WAGNER was entirely unknown to them and that they could state positively that there was no individual in Oktibbeha County known as R. A. WAGNER.

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On May 1, 1964, [REDACTED] Assistant Registrar, Mississippi State University, State College, Mississippi, advised that there was no student or member of the faculty or any individual in the employment at Mississippi State University by the name of R. A. WAGNER. Regarding [REDACTED] advised that he had formerly resided at [REDACTED] at Mississippi State University and that he had taken graduate work during the last semester. However, he had graduated from Mississippi State University and had listed [REDACTED] his home address as [REDACTED]. Further information indicated that [REDACTED] graduated from [REDACTED] and that he was born on [REDACTED].

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On May 12, 1964, [REDACTED] Starkville, Mississippi, advised that he had made a thorough inquiry of the authorities at City Hall relative to any individual by the name of R. A. WAGNER being a resident of Starkville, Mississippi. He said that there was no R. A. WAGNER or any WAGNER with any initials receiving city water or light power in Starkville, Mississippi, and that there was no WAGNER listed in any of the tax rolls of Starkville, Mississippi.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, MEMPHIS (9 1244)

FROM : SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (9 1803)

SUBJECT: UNSUB; ^①R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN BELLI-VICTIM
EXTORTION

OO: MEMPHIS

DATE: 5/28/64

67C Re report of SA [REDACTED] at Memphis,
dated 4/3/64; and Memphis air tel to Bureau, dated 5/6/64.

For the information of Knoxville and San Diego, both offices of which have not previously received correspondence in this case, on the afternoon of 4/1/64, the Jackson, Mississippi RA... was in receipt of a letter postmarked 3/3/64, at San Francisco, California; marked AMSD; from Attorney MELVIN BELLI, 722 Montgomery Street, San Francisco, California. BELLI enclosed to the Jackson RA the original of a letter he had received on 3/31/64 which bore the return address "R. A. WAGNER, 1302 East Capitol Street, Jackson, Mississippi."

The letter states as follows: "Old Dago Belli says of Dallas, 'This city stinks!' We have news for you jelly belli-that's your upper lip you smell. Furthermore, if you're not careful, somebody's going to put a slug of hot lead between those beady eyes of yours." A typed signature "The Committee" appears on the letter, followed by "Remember, San Francisco is no sanctuary."

- 3 - Memphis (9-1244)
- 3 - Bureau
 - (1 - Attention: FBI Laboratory)
- 2 - Knoxville
- 2 - San Diego
- 2 - San Francisco (9-1803)

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PJH:cjt

BELLI advised that his receptionist, PAT NAGLE, is currently on a three-week vacation and will not return to work until sometime after the first week of June, 1964. Inquiries are being made at the San Francisco Post Office to determine the identity of the postal carrier on BELLI's route in order that his fingerprints may be obtained.

LEADS

SAN DIEGO

AT SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA: Will contact the San Diego PD, and under the name LOUIE BACHIGALUPI, attempt to obtain a fingerprint card and forward same to the Bureau for fingerprint analysis in line with the latent fingerprint found on the extortion letter.

KNOXVILLE

AT CHATANOOGA, TENNESSEE: Will, at the Chatanooga PD, obtain the fingerprint card for EILEEN PURSLEY, DOB 1/16/23, and forward same to the Bureau Laboratory for analysis in line with latent fingerprint found on the extortion letter.

SAN FRANCISCO

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA: Will contact PAT NAGLE, receptionist for Attorney BELLI, when she returns to her employment sometime after the first week in June, and make inquiry at the San Francisco Post Office concerning the identity of the postal carrier who handles BELLI's mail route at 722 Montgomery Street, San Francisco. Will then question this individual to determine if he has been fingerprinted and furnish same to the Bureau Laboratory.

SF 9 - 1803
PJH:cjt

For further information of Knoxville and San Diego Offices referenced air tel reflects that USA, NDM, Oxford, Mississippi, has advised that in his opinion the violation of the extortion statute exists and he stated that he would consider prosecution in the event that the Subject becomes identified. In view of the fact that the FBI Laboratory has advised that there was one latent fingerprint of value developed on the outside of the envelope which was addressed to BELLI, San Francisco Office contacted Attorney BELLI on 5/14/64, and advised him that in the event he received any future communications threatening his life that he should immediately contact the San Francisco Office of the FBI, and that such communication should be immediately obtained from him and forwarded to our laboratory for analysis. He stated that he would comply with this request and that in connection with the letter which he forwarded to the Jackson RA, he recalls that both he and his personal secretary, EILEEN WALLETT, handled same.

BELLI advised that he was fingerprinted on one occasion by the San Diego PD and he was arrested there on 7/21/33 on a vagrancy charge under the name of LOUIE BACHIGALUPI. BELLI advised that this arrest was in connection with his work at that time since he had recently completed law school and was working with the U.S. Government. BELLI was not queried in detail regarding this arrest, however. He advised that his fingerprint classification according to the above arrest was as follows:

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Mrs. EILEEN WALLETT, personal secretary for BELLI, stated that she recalled having handled the letter and that she had been fingerprinted by the Chatanooga PD in a project that the PD was conducting involving high school students in Chatanooga during 1939. Mrs. WALLETT advised that she was fingerprinted under the name EILEEN PURSLEY, and that her date of birth was 1/16/23 by the Chatanooga PD.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (9-550)(RUC).

SUBJECT: UNSUB; R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION
(OO:ME)

SPECIMEN DETACHED IN L.F.P. 3.

DATE: 6/6/64

Re San Francisco letter to Memphis dated 5/28/64.

Enclosed herewith for the FBI Laboratory is a photostatic copy of a fingerprint card for LOUIE BACHIGALUPI, as received from the San Diego, California, Police Department.

The FBI Laboratory is requested to compare the latent fingerprint found on extortion letter with the fingerprints of MELVIN BELLI, aka. Louie Bachigalupi.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc 1)
- 1 - Memphis (9-1244)
- 1 - San Diego

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20537

REPORT

of the

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-350
FBI FILE NO. 9-42096 REG-39
LATENT CASE NO. 49706

June 11, 1964

TO: SAC, San Diego *EX-103*

RE: MURKIN; R. A. WAGNER;
SELVIN BALLE - VICTIM
EXTORTION

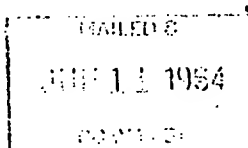
REFERENCE: San Diego letter dated 6-6-64, and San Francisco
letter dated 5-23-64
EXAMINATION REQUESTED BY: San Diego and San Francisco
SPECIMENS: Elimination fingerprints of Louis Bachigalupi,
aka Selvin Balli

Latent fingerprint this case identified as
left thumb impression of Eileen Elizabeth Pursley, aka
Eileen Walleit, white female, born 1-16-23, Chattanooga,
Tennessee.

Submitted fingerprints Bachigalupi enclosed.

Inc.

- 2 - Memphis (9-1244)
- 1 - Knoxville
- 2 - San Francisco (9-1823)



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6-11-64
1400 S. Street
Am. J. 1/21/64

John Edgar Hoover, Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION WORK SHEET

Recorded: 6-9-64/11:00AM

Reference No: 9-550

Received: 6-9-64/dab

FBI File No: 9-42096-6

Latent Case No: 49706

Answer to: SAC, SAN DIEGO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Copy to: DME-(9-1244); 1KX; 2SF 9-1803

RE: UNSUB; R.A. WAGNER;
MELVIN BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Date of reference communication:

Letter 6-6-64 (SD)

Specimens:

" 5/28/64 (SF)

1 photostatic copy of the fingerprints of
LOUIE BACHIGALUPI. (MELVIN BELLI).

NAILED FOR ELIM FILES WHIST, SEE PROCEED

my 1/14/72 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
1984

Result of examination:

Examination by: [redacted] b7C

Evidence noted by: [redacted]

Examination completed

Time

Dictated

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 8/3/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 5/14 - 7/27/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB, aka R. A. Wagner; MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY MJH
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES

b7C Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 5/20/64 at Memphis.
 San Francisco letter to Memphis dated 5/28/64. (IO)
 San Diego letter to Bureau dated 6/6/64.
 Bulet to San Diego dated 6/11/64.
 Knoxville air-tel to Memphis dated 6/26/64. (IO)

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KNOXVILLE DIVISION

AT DUNLAP, TENN.

b7C Will locate and interview [REDACTED] who is reported
 to be visiting relatives in [REDACTED], address - [REDACTED]
 It is noted that [REDACTED] is considered a suspect in this
 matter only because of the fact that he is the only [REDACTED] who was
 registered at Mississippi State University and "The Clarion Ledger" and

APPROVED *[Signature]* SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

COPIES MADE:

- 1 - Bureau (9-42096)
- 1 - USA, Oxford, Miss.
- 2 - Knoxville
- 2 - Jackson (9-10)

U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

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DISSEMINATION RECORD OF ATTACHED REPORT

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b7C "Jackson Daily News," daily newspaper of Jackson, Miss., have received several letters to the editor from a person whose last name is [REDACTED] and whose first name is unknown and that these letters were mailed from State College, Miss. These letters generally concern topics of current interest.

b7C In the event that [REDACTED] owns a typewriter, typewriter specimens should be obtained from him. Also, if [REDACTED] cannot furnish any information relative to this matter, appropriate names of suspects should be determined from him.

JACKSON DIVISION

AT STARKVILLE AND STATE COLLEGE, MISS.

Will continue investigation to identify UNSUB in this matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

It is noted that the investigative period of this matter extends from 5/14 to 7/27/64. This is due to the fact that information was received by the Memphis Office subsequent to the referenced report in this matter.

All communications in this case should be routed to the Memphis Office until advised to the contrary.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: U. S. Attorney, Oxford, Mississippi

Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: JACKSON
Date: August 3, 1964

Field Office File No.: Jackson 9-10 Bureau File No.: 9-42096

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, aka
R. A. Wagner;
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

b7C One latent fingerprint of value which was found on the outside of the envelope identified as the thumbprint (left) of EILEEN ELIZABETH PURSLEY, aka EILEEN WALLETT, personal secretary of MELVIN M. BELLI. [REDACTED] reported to be in [REDACTED]. No additional information relative to the identity of the UNSUB developed in Starkville, Miss., area.

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DETAILS:

By communication dated May 28, 1964, the San Francisco Office advised that Attorney MELVIN BELLI was contacted on May 14, 1964, and at that time he was advised that in the event he received any further communications threatening his life, he should immediately contact the San Francisco Office of the FBI and that such communications would be immediately obtained from him and forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for analysis. BELLI advised that he would comply with this request and that in connection with the letters which he had forwarded to the Jackson Office of the FBI, he recalls that both he and his personal secretary, EILEEN WALLETT, handled this one letter.

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BELLI advised that he was fingerprinted on one occasion by the San Diego Police Department and he was arrested there on July 21, 1933, on a vagrancy charge under the name of LOUIE BACHIGALUPI. BELLI advised that this arrest was in connection with his work at the time since he had recently completed law school and was working with the United States Government. BELLI was not queried in detail regarding his arrest, however. He advised that his fingerprint classification according to the above arrest was as follows:

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17 T IO 15.

Mrs. EILEEN WALLETT, personal secretary for BELLI, stated she recalled having handled the letter in question and that she had been fingerprinted by the Chattanooga Police Department in a project that the Police Department was conducting involving high school students in Chattanooga, Tennessee, during 1939. Mrs. WALLETT advised that she was fingerprinted under the name of EILEEN PURSLEY and that her date of birth was January 16, 1923, at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

BELLI further advised that his receptionist, PAT NAGLE, is currently on a three-weeks' vacation and will not return to work until sometime after the first week of June, 1964.

By communication dated June 6, 1964, the San Diego Division advised that it was forwarding to the FBI Laboratory a Photostat of a fingerprint card of LOUIE BACHIGALUPI, as it was received from the San Diego Police Department, San Diego, California.

By communication dated June 11, 1964, the Identification Division, Latent Fingerprint Section, of the FBI, Washington, D. C., advised as follows:

"Specimens: Elimination fingerprints of Louie Bachigalupi,
aka Melvin Belli

"Latent fingerprint this case identified as left thumb impression of Eileen Elizabeth Pursley, aka Eileen Wallett, white female, born 1-16-23, Chattanooga, Tennessee."

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b7C By communication dated June 26, 1964, the Knoxville Office advised that efforts to locate [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] were conducted on May 26, 1964, with negative results.

b7C b7D On May 22, 1964, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] and that he [REDACTED] is presently in Jacksonville, Florida. She furnished the residence address of [REDACTED] and stated that [REDACTED] indicated that he was possibly going to be employed by the U. S. Department of the Army in a civilian capacity in the Jacksonville, Florida, area. She stated that both parents of [REDACTED] were deceased and he used the address in [REDACTED] for his main mailing address for convenience purposes. She stated that he did graduate work at Mississippi State University prior to going to Jacksonville, Florida.

b7C b7D On June 5, 1964, and on July 27, 1964, this matter was thoroughly discussed with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] They both advised that no one in the area whom they knew would write such a letter and they knew of no cranks who had written similar types of communications in the past. Both advised that they would be alert to develop any information which would assist in identifying the unknown subject in this matter and would immediately advise the FBI should they develop any information.

b7C b7D By communication dated July 27, 1964, the Jacksonville Division advised that on July 21, 1964, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Optional Form No. 10

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: *8-10-64*
7-24-64

FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS

SUBJECT: UNSUB: aka R. A. WAGNER
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION

BUFILE NO.: 9-42096

MEMPHIS FILE NO.: 9-1244

JACKSON FILE NO.: 9-10

Due to the opening of the Jackson Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. LOCATION OF FILE

1. (X) Entire file sent to Jackson Office herewith.
2. () File sent to Jackson, except one copy of following serials retained Memphis:
3. () File retained Memphis, but one copy of following serials sent to Jackson:

B. OFFICE OF ORIGIN

() MEMPHIS
(X) JACKSON
()

- ① - Bureau
1 - San Francisco (9-1803)
1 - New Orleans (9-1975)
1 - Jackson
1 - Memphis
1 - Knoxville (9-857)
1 - San Diego

C. STATUS

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Date: 9/3/64

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(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (9-42096)
 FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1244) (RUC)
 SUBJECT: UNSUB, Aka. R. A. Wagner;
 MELVIN M. BELL - VICTIM
 EXTORTION

OC: JACKSON

458005

Re Knoxville airtel to Jackson dated 8/13/64.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three letters written by [REDACTED] two of which bear the return address [REDACTED] State College, Mississippi, dated 2/26/64 and 3/6/64 and the third letter which bears the return address [REDACTED] dated 7/11/64.

Enclosed for Jackson are one Xerox copy each of the above three letters and nine copies of FD 302 reflecting interview of [REDACTED] by SA [REDACTED] on 8/31/64 at Memphis, Tennessee.

REQUESTS OF BUREAU:

The Lab is requested to compare enclosed typewritten pages with Q1 and Q2 in instant case.

Leads to secure additional samples of typewriters mentioned in enclosed FD 302 are left to the discretion of the office of origin.

3 - Bureau (Enc. 3) (RM)
 2 - Jackson (9-10) (Enc. 12)
 1 - Memphis
 Teletype DSD:PC
 A. M. [REDACTED]
 A. M. S. D.
 Spec. Del.
 Reg. Mail
 Approved: [Signature]
 Sent _____ M Per _____
 Special Agent in Charge

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ENCLOSURE

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[Handwritten signatures]

FOR LAB ACTION & REPORT
9-9-64

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

Re: Unsub, aka R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN M. BELLI
VIKEX
00: Jackson

File #
Lab. #

9-42096-8
D-458005 JC

Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1244)

9/3/64

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 9/8/64

Result of Examination:

b7C Examination by: [REDACTED]

Returned

Specimens submitted for examination

b7C K1 - K3

Three typewritten letters prepared by [REDACTED]

SEP 15 1964

1-Mr. Hegvold



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis (9-1244)

Date: September 22, 1964

Re: Unsub, aka R.A. WAGNER;
MELVIN M. BELLI
VIKEX
OO: Jackson

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director
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FBI File No. 9-42096 - 8
Lab. No. D-458005 JB

Examination requested by: Memphis

Reference: Airtel 9/3/64

Examination requested: Document

Remarks:

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Enclosures (5) (K1 through K3, 2 Lab report)

2 - Jackson (9-10) Enclosures (2) (2 Lab report)

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SEP 29 1964

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Memphis (9-1244)

Date: September 22, 1964

Re: - Unsub, aka R.A. WAGNER;
MELVIN M. BELLI
VIKEXFBI File No. 9-42096
Lab. No. D-458005 JB

Specimens received 9/8/64

b7C K1 - K3 Three typewritten letters prepared by [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

It was concluded that the questioned typewriting appearing on Q1 and Q2 was not prepared with the typewriters used in preparing K1 through K3.

Specimens K1 through K3 have been photographed and are returned herewith.

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Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Gale _____
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Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Ingram _____

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9/11/64
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

No Lab File

Re: Unsub, aka R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN M. BELLI
VIKEX
00: Jackson

File #
Lab. #

9-42096
D-458005

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Examination requested by: Memphis (9-1244)

A
9/3/64

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 9/8/64

Result of Examination:

b7C Examination by

9/21/64
1/10

No ident. for Q1 & Q2 = K1 → K3 true.

Specimens submitted for examination

b7C K1 - K3 Three typewritten letters prepared by

Robert J. [unclear]

2cc Jackson (9-15)

*for [unclear]
[unclear]
[unclear]*

9/22/64

1- Mr. McInerney

Airtel

To: SAC, Memphis (9-1244)

From: Director, FBI (9-42096) - 9

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

AKA,

R. A. WAGNER

MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM
EXTORTION

Buded 9/30/64

Enclosed herewith for the information of Memphis and Jackson Offices are two copies of a letter received from one [REDACTED]

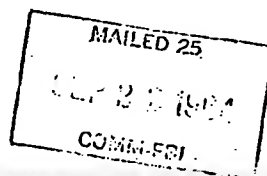
[REDACTED], dated 9/15/64, wherein he indicates that he has been under investigation concerning an alleged extortion violation. A review of Bureau files indicate that [REDACTED] was considered as a possible suspect in captioned case in which Memphis was originally Office of Origin, and Jackson was designated Office of Origin on 8/10/64. File reflects that attempts were being made to locate [REDACTED] for interview as a possible suspect concerning a threatening-type letter which had been sent to Mr. Melvin Belli, Attorney, at San Francisco, California, as of 8-3-64.

From a review of Bureau files it is also noted that [REDACTED]

In [REDACTED] letter to the Bureau dated 9/15/64, he appears indignant and perturbed concerning the extortion investigation he alleges the FBI has been conducting concerning him and states he wants this matter cleared up since he claims to have been "erroneously and maliciously involved."

Enclosures (4)
2- Jackson (9-10)

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OCT 8 1964

Airtel to SAC, Memphis
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
AKA,
R. A. WAGNER

Memphis Office should immediately contact [REDACTED] and personally acknowledge his letter to the Bureau and ascertain what he actually has reference to in this letter wherein he states he has been "erroneously and maliciously involved." He should also be straightened out concerning any questions he may have in this matter as set out in his letter to the Bureau dated 9/15/64.

Results of investigation should be submitted to the Bureau by 9/30/64.

NOTE:

b7C [REDACTED] Captioned individual was [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He wrote a long rambling letter to the Director dated 9/15/64 stating he was concerned since he was under investigation by the FBI for extortion. He stated, apparently an unknown individual wrote a threatening letter to Melvin Belli using his name. The Bureau files indicate [REDACTED] was considered a possible suspect concerning a threatening-type letter sent to Belli from Jackson, Mississippi, signed "The Committee." Letter of [REDACTED] b7C to the Bureau being acknowledged personally rather than in writing since he appears to be confused concerning the investigation being conducted in the extortion case in which he was considered a possible suspect. Bureau file indicates that a lead was sent out to interview him re instant matter b7C at [REDACTED] on 8/3/64.

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

September 1

Office of the Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear sirs:

Forthwith, allow me to apologize for the erratic typewriter used to type this letter.

To say, in hindsight, that I feel foolish now for having written directly to Director J. Edgar Hoover earlier this year in regard to [REDACTED] would be an understatement. However, gracious man that he is, Mr. Hoover on May 1, 1964, replied to my correspondence and tactfully told me [REDACTED]

Not only was it foolish--in itself--to trouble Mr. Hoover on such a matter but much worse--once again in hindsight--I now realize he must have known (as I then did not) that I was under investigation by the Bureau for alleged extortion.

As I wrote to Mr. Hoover, I am not now of Liberal "mind"...thought as a youth I was. I came to see in 1963 the futility of continuing my graduate education and the hope of one day teaching university social "sciences." Idealistic--and consequently unrealistic--Leftist philosophies have commandeered the vast majority of our universities' social "science" departments and faculties; he who conscientiously and objectively cannot with integrity of intellect accept such as ~~the~~ worldism or social-racial cerebral equalitarianism has increasingly little place in "responsible and respectable" educational circles.

Thus, not being able to teach, I found as an outlet for my alarm at what was occurring to the sensibilities, values, traditions, and morals of this land the writing of letters to the editor.

My letters (overall constructive and intellectually defensible) were all too effective it would seem...certainly those published in Mississippi journals. In possible revenge against my remarks and as an attempt to silence and smear me, a person or persons evidently wrote noted (or notorious) lawyer Melvin Belli a threatening letter either over my signature or else negatively involving my name. The F. B. I. was brought into the case; I take it, upon Belli's complaint.

One purpose of this present letter is to inquire about a few, to me, puzzling things on this despicable matter. Why, for one thing, did it take so long for the Bureau to locate me? I learned through a relative in East Tennessee that the F. B. I. had contacted her seeking my location...on 2 occasions. After the first occasion and my learning of it, I went to the Washington office of the F. B. I. and inquired if it wanted to see me. An Agent [REDACTED] (sheepishly as I recall) told me "no"...as well as repeating that the Bureau did not have [REDACTED]

Why was I not queried on the extortion matter then by the Washington Bureau? It was seemingly only after I--with growing suspicion--later wrote the Memphis F. B. I. office a "warmish" letter demanding to know what was "going on" that I was interviewed. I might say here that the Memphis office has been quite pleasant and cooperative on this matter of extortion and my supposed connection thereto.

How long this investigation would have gone on--behind my back--before I demanded to be informed as to what was a miss is another question. How many friends or acquaintances of mine have been contacted on this charge against me now makes for interesting speculation for me. One couple, connected with the U. S. Government, may well have been reached and questioned; quite strangely, I have not heard from them in a longish time. If they were contacted, what in God's name did the Special Agent

infer--or openly say--about me? I need not tell you that cries of "police state" are rampant in this disquieted land (Mr. Lester Maddox, for example, of Atlanta, Georgia, restaurant fame (or infamy depending upon your philosophy) is quite acquainted with the "police state" concept, I would imagine, as are a host of other businessmen and sundry people who have been "persuaded" to do the "right thing" in the name of equality-or-else). Masses of individuals in this nation are frightened for the sake of their jobs, families, and reputations from speaking up...or, as I suspect with my government friends, are fearful of being thought "guilty through association."

Well, I spoke up and have suffered the consequences. Quite possibly the same sick crowd which has launched the "freedom now" campaign in Mississippi--where the extortion letter originated--is responsible for "smearing" me. Such pollyanna or subversive types will not be content until they have elicited Federal occupation of Mississippi, and, in the inevitably tragic days ahead in that state, such may come about. The "freedom" types can be expected to resort to many devious techniques in expanding their equalitarian society efforts; in time extortion may be the lesser of their devices.

My "crime" is not extortion but--to a very small degree--pointingly an accusing finger at those who would (and may) bring social disaster to this nation...out of hypocritical financial and political opportunism as well as out of a warped equalitarian philosophy which has no basis in fact to the philosophical foundations of this country.

Too, I admittedly have left myself "wide-open" on occasion for "fascistic" and "anti-semitism" charges by honestly questioning the involvement of one-world-minded Jewry and its wealth connected with much of the propagandizing in the national communication and education systems. In this respect, I would question how many such one-world-Jewry-controlled publishers have criticized, as much as they dare, Director Hoover...one of the few remaining high individuals in government whom loyal and politically-informed Americans have any respect and confidence. No one is exempt from leftist smear. One either keeps silent on what is happening to his country or else risks being branded an "extremist" or worse. Such accusations surely do not aid one--such as myself--in getting Federal employment.

Finally, 2 things if I may: 1) I want to see formal legal charges brought against the person or persons attempting (effectively till now) to damn me in the eyes of the government; and 2) I want any possibly dubious insinuations or out-and-out ^{NEGATIVE} comment made by Special Agents to friends and acquaintances clarified to the same. This is of course predicated on the "smearer" being apprehended. I certainly want this matter cleared up in so far as I have been erroneously and maliciously involved; I do not want such a dastard charge as extortion in any government or police record of mine so as to hinder my being employed by the Federal Government.

For the record, I do not belong to any political group--"extremist" or otherwise. For the record, I would have it known that I have had anonymous individuals send me unsolicited Right-Wing literature most of which appeared innocuous. And, lastly, I would have it known that I still have the highest respect for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and will do all that I can to assist it on this extortion charge pending against me.

Sincerely,

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P. S. I apologize again for the type of this letter.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 9/29/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/12/64 - 9/21/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; aka R. A. Wagner; Melvin M. Belli - VICTIMS		REPORT MADE BY SA [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY SC
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCES: Rep of SA [REDACTED] dated 8/3/64;
 KXlet to JN dated 8/13/64, marked Interoffice;
 MElet to Bureau dated 9/3/64.

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LEADSJACKSON OFFICEAT COLUMBUS, MISSISSIPPI

Will report the results of FBI Laboratory examination relative to the three letters submitted by the Memphis Office.

STARKVILLE AND STATE COLLEGE, MISSISSIPPI

Will continue investigation to identify Unsub in this matter.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C
Date: 9/29/64

Office: Jackson

Field Office File No.: 9-10

Bureau File No.: 9-42096

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; also known as
R. A. Wagner;
Melvin M. Belli - VICTIMS

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

b7C [REDACTED] located and interviewed Memphis, Tennessee. [REDACTED] denies writing extortion letter in question and voluntarily furnished three letters written by him two of which were dated immediately prior to and one just following the date of the extortion letter in question. The three letters submitted FBI Laboratory for comparison with extortion letter in question. No additional information relative to the identity of the Unsub developed in Starkville, Mississippi, area.

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DETAILS

b7C By communication dated August 13, 1964, the Knoxville Office advised that on August 12, 1964, [REDACTED] b7D [REDACTED] advised that the present address of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] When she last heard from [REDACTED] he not in Florida and was seeking employment.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date September 3, 19641

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent, that he did not have to make any statement, that any statement he did make could be used against him, and that he had the right to consult with an attorney prior to making any statement.

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b7D [REDACTED]
He stated that although he has written letters to various newspapers and periodicals, he has never written to Mr. MELVIN M. BELLI. He could furnish no suspects and said that he has no known "enemies".

[REDACTED] displayed a collection of letters to the editor which he has written over the past several years and voluntarily offered three letters, two of which were dated immediately prior to and one just following the date of the alleged extortion letter to MELVIN BELLI, further stating that if necessary to clear his name, he would be quite willing to take a polygraph examination.

[REDACTED] that the letters dated February 26, 1964, and April 6, 1964, were typed on his typewriter which is now located at the residence of [REDACTED] and that the letter dated July 11, 1964, was typed on a portable typewriter belonging to [REDACTED] and is located at the [REDACTED]

On 8/31/64 at Memphis, Tennessee File # Memphis 9-1214

by [REDACTED] Date dictated 9/3/64

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b7C By communication dated September 3, 1964, the Memphis Office forwarded to the Bureau three typewritten letters voluntarily furnished by [REDACTED] and requested that the FBI Laboratory examine these letters to determine if they compared favorably with the typewritten extortion letter in question.

b7C b7D On September 16, 1964, and on September 21, 1964, inquiry was made of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] to determine if they had developed any additional information relative to the unknown subject in this matter. Both advised that they had been unable to develop any information relative to the identity of the unknown subject and that should they develop any information they would immediately advise the FBI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (9-12096)

DATE: 9/29/64

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (9-1244) (RUC)

SUBJECT: *Unsub, aka, also known as,*
UNSUB, aka,
R. A. Wagner;
MELVIN M. BELLI - VICTIM;
EXTORTION
(OO: Jackson)
Buded: 9/30/64

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Re Wairtel to Memphis dated 9/22/64.

On 9/25/64 [redacted] who resides at [redacted] was interviewed by SA [redacted] and [redacted]. The receipt of [redacted] letter of 9/15/64 by the Bureau was acknowledged.

[redacted] attention was called to the remark made in the letter that he had been "erroneously and maliciously involved" in a matter being investigated by the Bureau. [redacted] immediately stated that he did not intend that remark to be interpreted that the Bureau had in any way wronged him in the investigation of this matter. He stated that in retrospect he feels that he was unwise and unfair in making the remark and did not desire that to be in any way construed as a criticism of the way the investigation of this matter was handled by the Bureau.

[redacted] went on to state that subsequent to being interviewed he lost contact with some friends and not knowing the scope of the investigation of this matter felt that the possibility existed that his friends had been contacted by the FBI and for this reason had become suspicious of him. He stated that he realizes now that the loss of contact was probably a coincidence and temporary and was not a result of the investigation.

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b7C The Bureau's responsibilities in extortion matters were fully explained to [REDACTED]. He stated that upon hearing this he is fully aware of the necessity in interviewing him under the circumstances and due to the fact that he has moved several times recently realizes that it was necessary to contact certain relatives to determine his whereabouts.

b7C [REDACTED] apologized for any remarks made in his letter to the Director of 9/15/64 which would indicate a criticism of the Bureau. He stated that quite to the contrary he has long admired the Bureau and the Director.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE JACKSON	OFFICE OF ORIGIN JACKSON	DATE 10/14/64	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 10/8/64
TITLE OF CASE UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER; MELVIN M. BELLI-VICTIM		REPORT MADE BY S [REDACTED] b7C	TYPED BY ih
		CHARACTER OF CASE EXTORTION	

REFERENCE: Report of S [REDACTED] dated 9/29/64 at Jackson.

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Report of: SA [REDACTED] b7C Office: Jackson
Date: 10/14/64

Field Office File No.: 9-10

Bureau File No.: 9-42096

Title: UNSUB; aka R. A. WAGNER;
MELVIN M. BELLI-VICTIM

Character: EXTORTION

Synopsis:

b7C FBI Laboratory concluded that the questioned typewriting appearing on the letters voluntarily furnished by [REDACTED] did not compare favorably with the typewriting appearing on the extortion material. USA, NDM, Oxford, Miss., by communication dated 10/7/64, advised that after reviewing investigative reports in this matter that he desired no further investigation conducted and that he would not authorize prosecution in the event the UNSUB were to be identified.

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DETAILS:

b7C By communication dated September 3, 1964, the Memphis, Tennessee, office forwarded to the Bureau three typewritten letters voluntarily furnished by [REDACTED] and requested that the FBI Laboratory examine these letters to determine if they compared favorably with the typewritten extortion letter in question.

Result of examination: It was concluded that the